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Sunday, June 2, 2013

**“GROWING UP IN A DANGEROUS WORLD”**

(1 Samuel 2:12, 17; 1 Samuel 3:1-10)

Our children are growing up in a dangerous world. It’s scary to turn them loose in it. The stakes for parents is high. It is not just helping them through the everyday challenges of relationships, education, and activity. Eternity hangs in the balance. God has given us a high accountability for the children He entrusts to us.

*“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25, NASB).*

*“All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel” (Judges 2:10, NASB).*

**1. Realize the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1).**

**2. Recognize that God \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4).**

**3. Refuse to ignore \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4-7).**

**4. Encourage them to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9).**

*“Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, ‘Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these’” (Matthew 19:13-14, NASB).*

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*“And then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night” (Deuteronomy 6:7, Message).*

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*“All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel” (Judges 2:10, NASB).*

*“Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity” (Ephesians 4:18-19, NLT).*

**1. Realize the hardness of the times (v. 1).**

*“‘Behold, days are coming,’ declares the Lord God, ‘When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord. People will stagger from sea to sea. And from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, But they will not find it’” (Amos 8:11-12, NASB).*

*“You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray*

*their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God” (2 Timothy 3:1-4, NLT).*

*“The student who is fully trained will become like the teacher” (Luke 6:40, NLT).*

**2. Recognize that God still speaks (v. 4).**

*“Write these commandments that I’ve given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates” (Deuteronomy 6:6-9, The Message).*

**3. Refuse to ignore God at work (v. 4-7).**

**4. Encourage them to experience God (v. 9).**

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